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PUBLIC NOTICE 05-26

All interested parties are herein notified that the Commander, Heartland Guard District, received application materials dated 13 May 2026 from the TXDOT requesting approval of the location and plans for replacement of a bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

BRIDGE, WATERWAY AND LOCATION: SH 35 Bridge, Victoria Barge Canal, located between Tivoli TX and Port Lavaca TX in Calhoun county.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the existing bridge with a wider and higher bridge over the Victoria Barge Canal. The proposed project would meet current safety standards by adding shoulders on each side of the travel lanes on the proposed bridge and approaches. Also, the vertical clearance would be raised, and existing bents and fender systems would be removed to allow for larger barge traffic to utilize the Victoria Barge Canal.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

The proposed new bridge will have clearances as described in the table below. Vertical clearance is from low member elevation to mean high water.

	Existing	Proposed
Vertical	50'	77'
Horizontal	75'	75'

Datum: NAVD88

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Texas Department of Transportation is the lead Federal agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is acting on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for all environmental control laws. This project has been categorized as a Categorical Exclusion by TXDOT in June 2025. The U.S. Coast Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for the purposes of NEPA.

TXDOT applied for a water quality certification for this project on 25 June 2024 in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. Nationwide Permit No. 15 was issued, satisfying the Section 401 requirement. No specific wetland acreage loss was reported, and project impacts were determined to be minimal or nonexistent.

TXDOT has determined that this project is consistent with the Texas Coastal Management Program and The Texas General Land Office concurred with this determination on 29 April 2024.

The bridge piers are located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation is 15.23 feet. The elevation of the low member of the navigation span is 78.34 feet. Elevations are referenced to NAV 88 datum.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed navigation clearances and other navigational safety issues, including need for clearance gauges and extent of nighttime navigation to determine the need for bridge lighting. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project including its possible impacts to navigation.

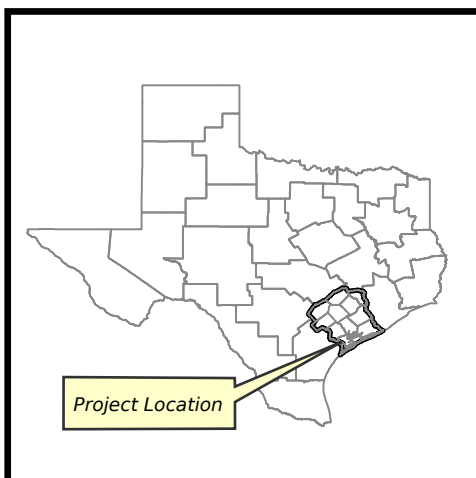
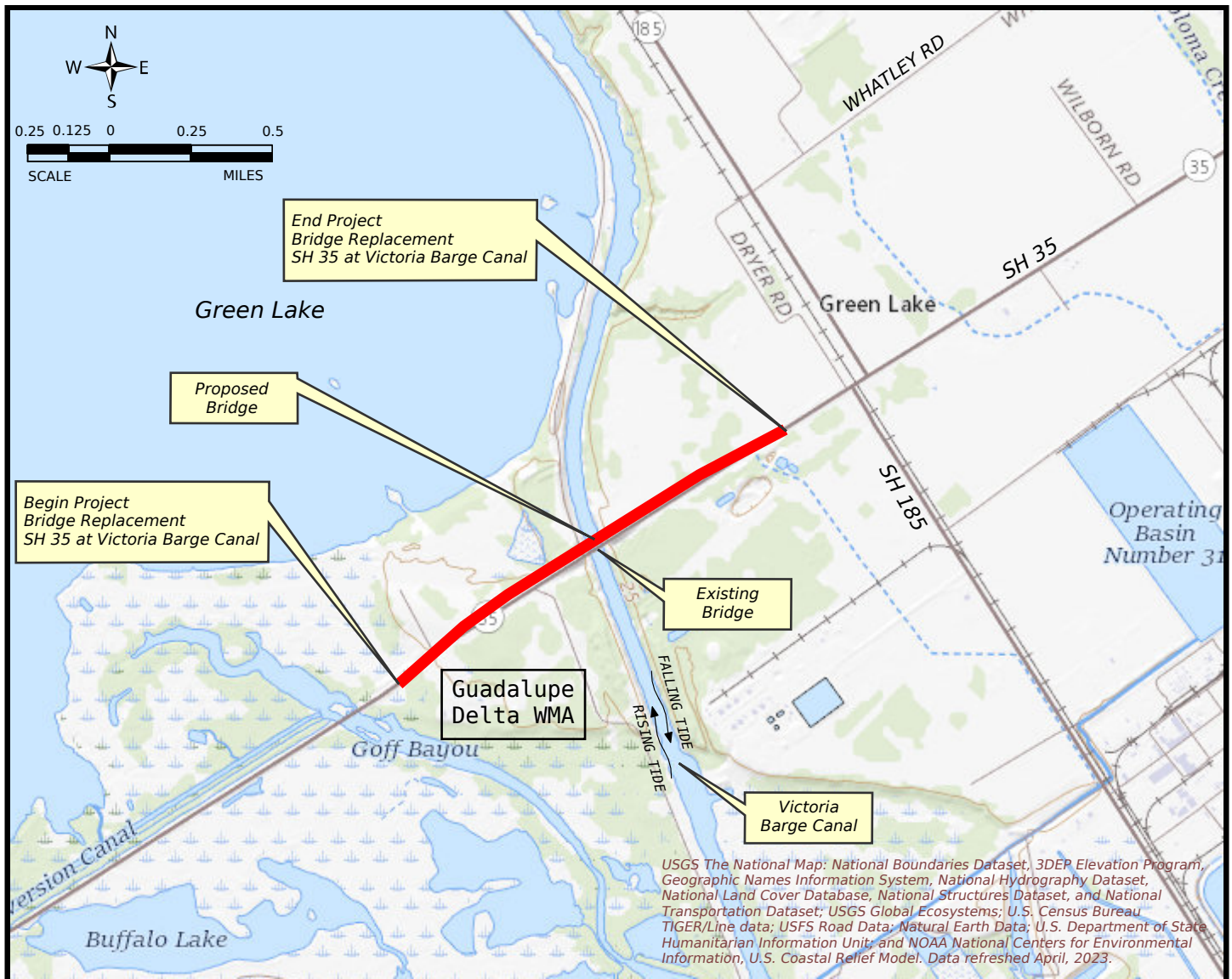
We will forward comments of an environmental nature such as those regarding wildlife refuges, public parks, historic sites, wetlands, floodplain issues, air, water quality, environmental justice, etc. to the TXDOT. Comments will be received for the record at the address noted in the header or via email d08-dg-district-dpb@uscg.mil. This public notice will run for 30 days from the date of its release.

Map of location and plans attached.

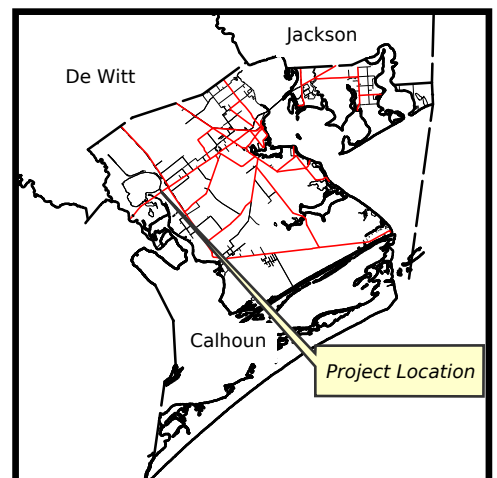


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Bridge Administrator
By direction of the Commander,
Heartland Coast Guard District

SH 35 at Victoria Barge Canal Bridge Replacement Vicinity Map



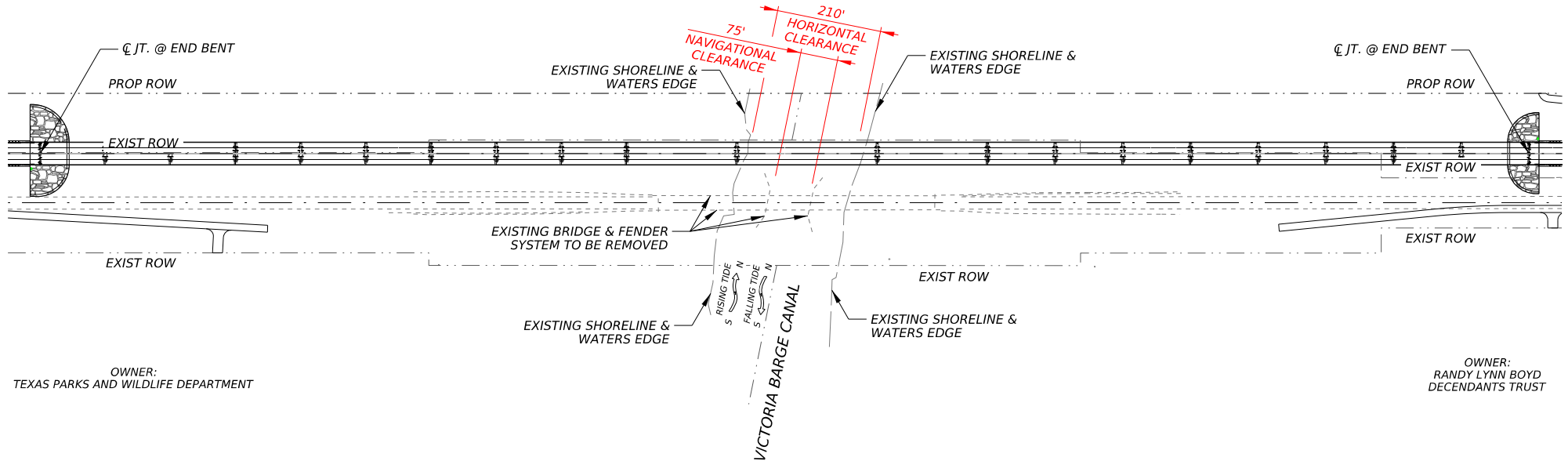
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OWNER:
CALHOUN COUNTY TEXAS

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OWNER:
EKC PROPERTIES, LLC,
A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY



OWNER:
TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

OWNER:
RANDY LYNN BOYD
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PROJECT LAYOUT

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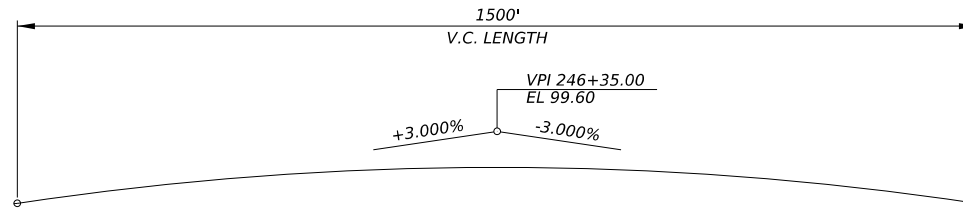
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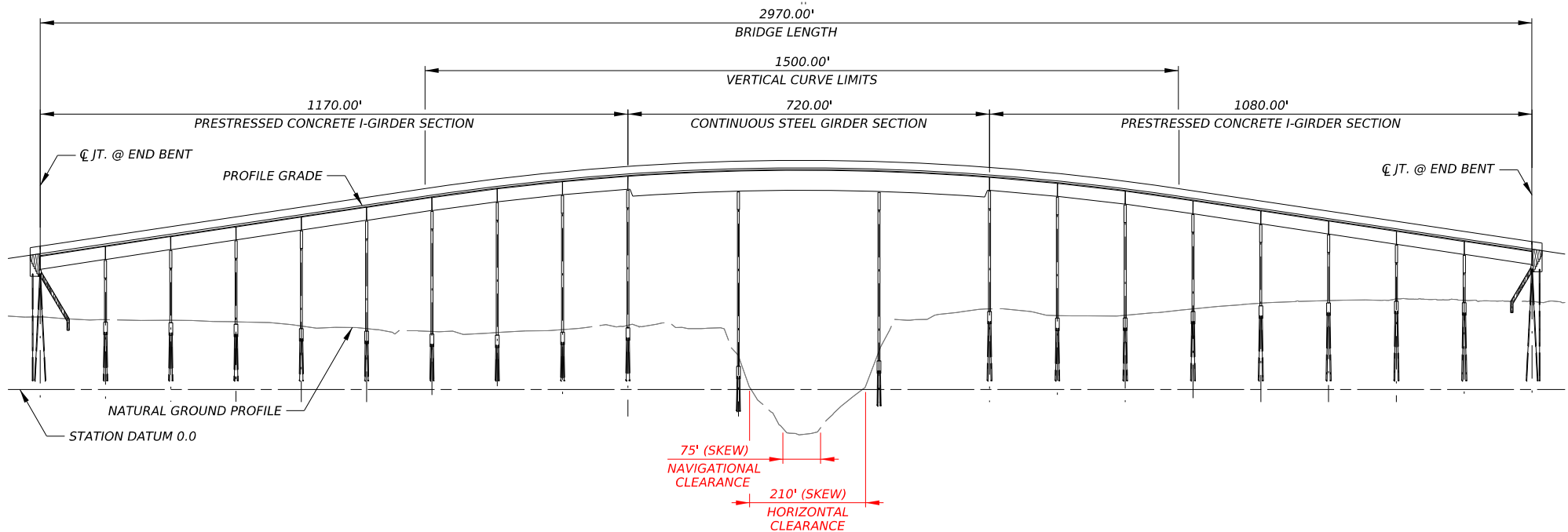
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VERTICAL CURVE LIMITS

CL EXISTING CHANNEL STA 246+32 CL SPAN STA 246+49



ELEVATION
LOOKING NORTHWEST

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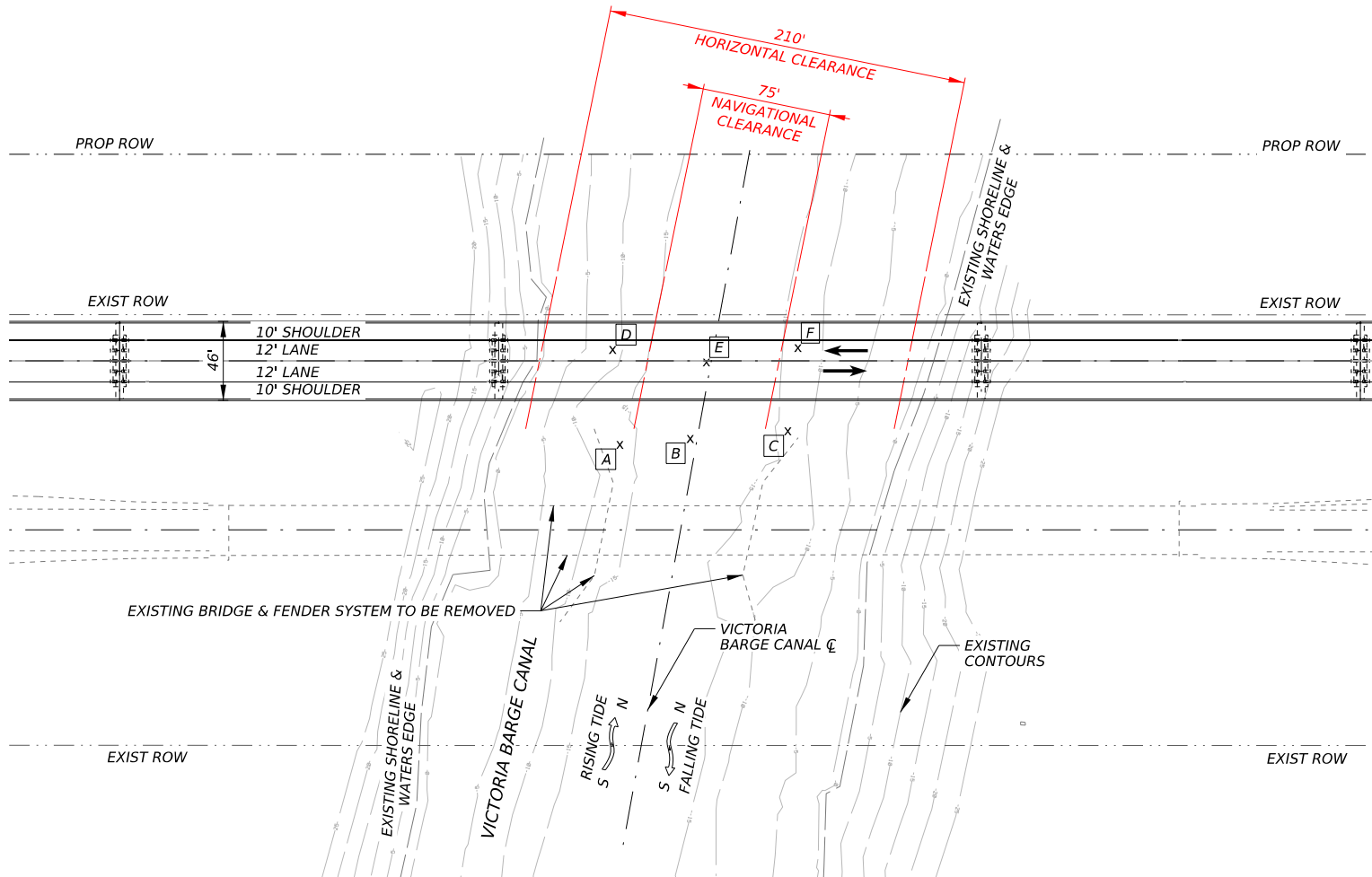
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POINT LOCATION	WATER DEPTH @ MLW (0.02') (ACCEPTED 2020)
A	13.19'
B	18.09'
C	12.24'
D	7.91'
E	18.08'
F	12.60'

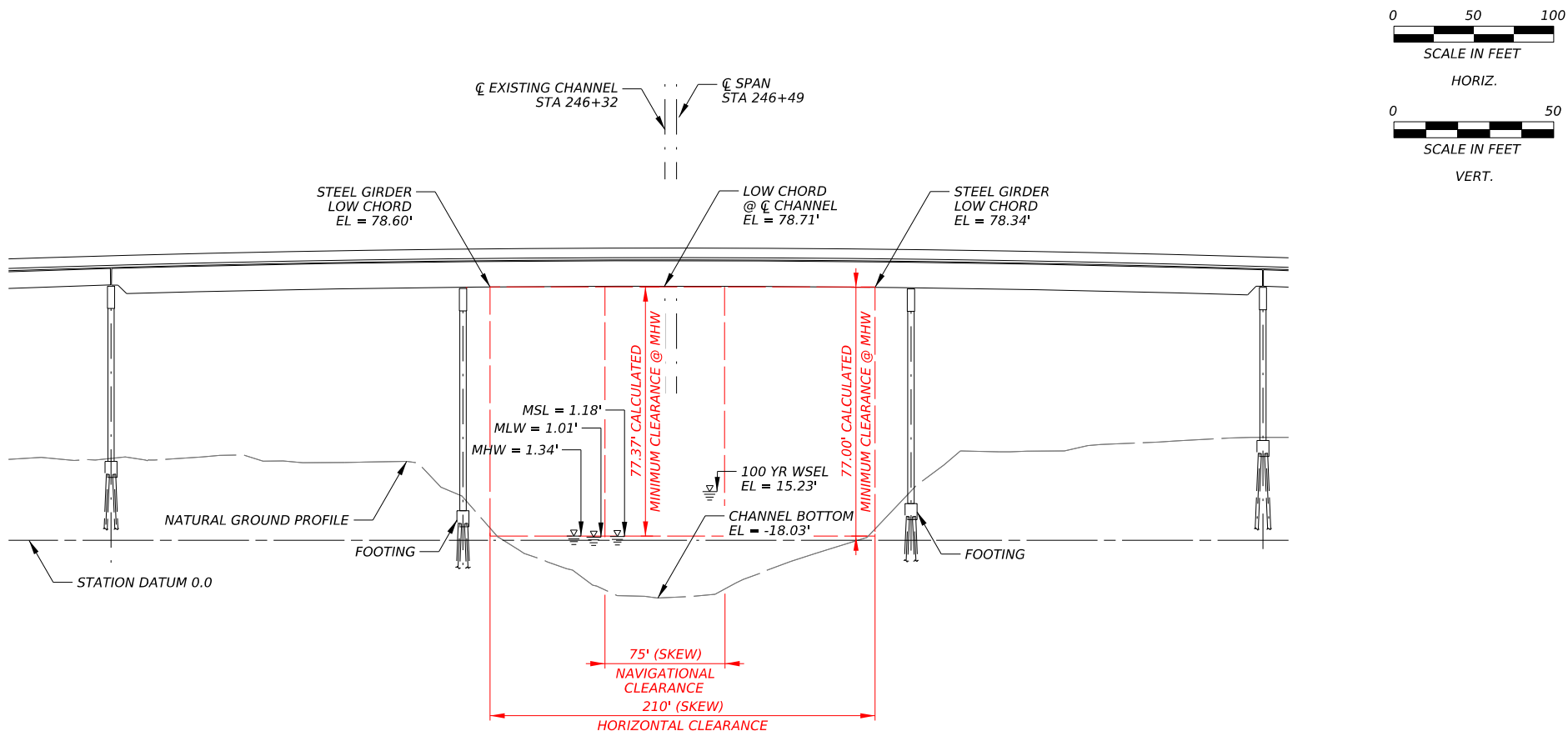
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CHANNEL SPAN
ELEVATION LOOKING NORTHWEST

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= 1.34' (MHW)
= 1.01' (MLW)

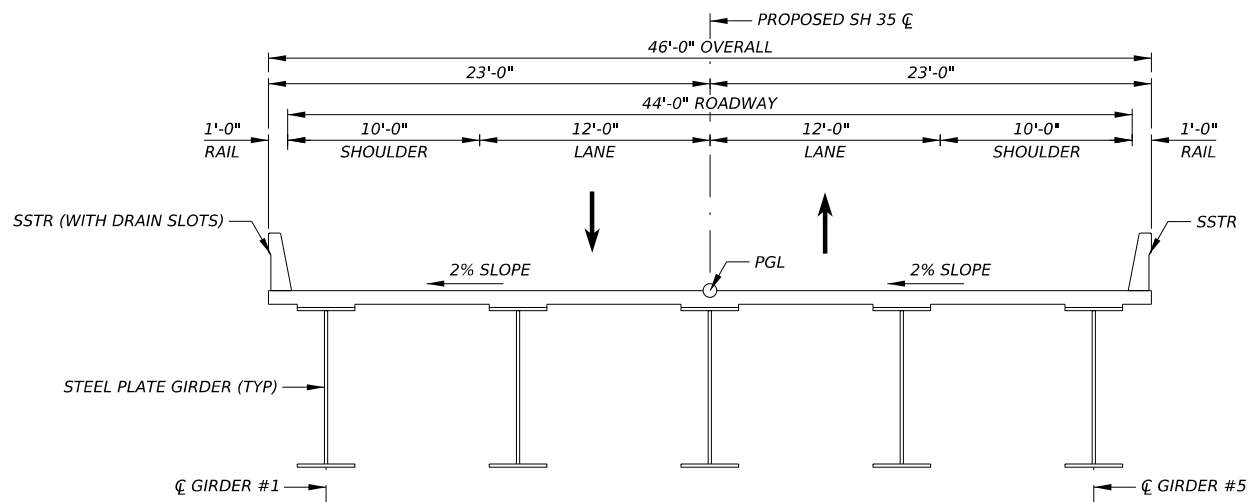
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**PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION
AT MAIN CHANNEL SPAN**

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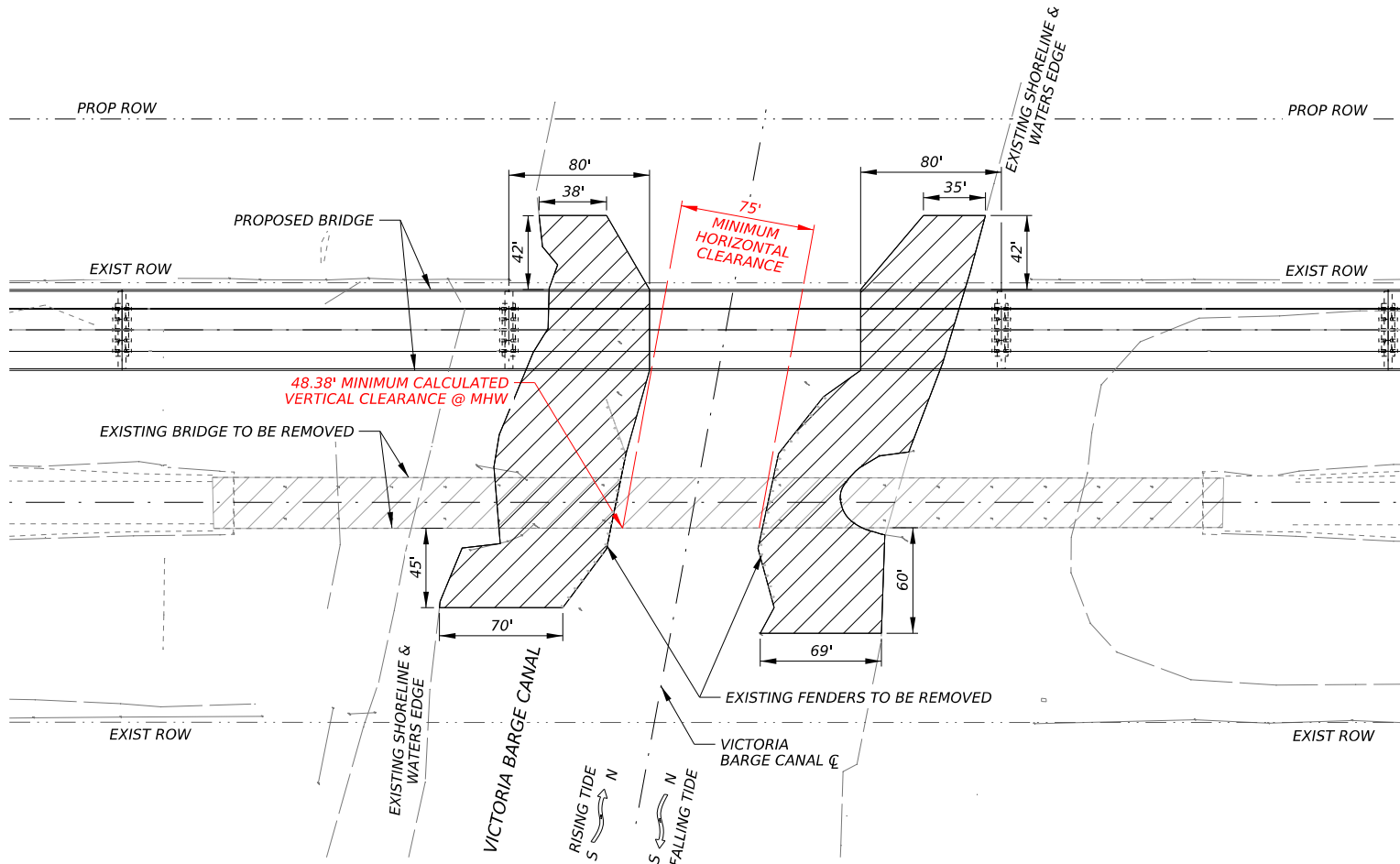


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LEGEND

 TEMPORARY FILL IN CHANNEL

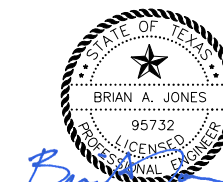


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CHANNEL SPAN TEMPORARY FILL LAYOUT

CHANNEL LOCATION	ESTIMATED TEMPORARY FILL (CY)
WEST SIDE	4,267
EAST SIDE	3,971

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